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SUBJECT: THEODORAKIS TALKS POLITICS

1. ALL THESSALONIKI DAILIES APRIL 9 CARRIED PROMINENT FRONT PAGE ARTICLES WITH PICTURES REPORTING PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN HERE PREVIOUS DAY BY LEFTIST SINGER-COMPOSER MIKIS THEODORAKIS WHO IS IN TOWN TO GIVE SERIES OF CONCERTS. UNDER SUCH HEADLINES AS "THEODORAKIS PRAISES KARAMANLIS" AND "RIGHT WING NOW IN SHADOW WILL EMERGE AGAIN IF DEMOCRATIC PARTIES CONTINUE TO BE DIVIDED", ARTICLES STATE THAT CONFERENCE INTENDED TO BE ON CULTURAL MATTERS FINALLY TURNED INTO POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

2. THEODORAKIS QUOTED PRAISING KARAMANLIS FOR "POSITIVE" SERVICE TO GREEK PEOPLE WHO NOW HAVE ACQUIRED "BETTER POLITICAL CRITERIA AND A NATIONAL CONSCIENCE" AS RESULT OF REVOLUTION WHOSE PRIMARY ELEMENTS ARE:

(A) ABANDONMENT OF ANTI-COMMUNISM AS GOVERNMENT DOGMA, (B) ABOLITION OF PRO-AMERICANISM AS RELIGION, AND ITS ACTUAL REPLACEMENT, OFFICIALLY, BY ANTI-AMERICANISM, (C) KARAMANLIS' DARING IN EFFECTING "ONE OF GREATEST CHANGES IN MODERN GREEK HISTORY", RIDDING GREECE OF THRONE, (D) FOREIGN POLICY CHANGES E.G. BITSIOS NOW SPEAKS FOR PALESTINIANS AND OFFICIAL VISITS TO EASTERN

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CIPAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT
HAD KARAMANLIS INTERVENED.

3. COMPOSER WARNED THAT "DEMOCRATIC FORCES"
SHOULD BE ON ALERT AGAINST RIGHT WING
ELEMENTS WHICH PRESENTLY IN SHADOW BUT POISED TO BURST FORTH
AGAIN WHEN SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED. KARAMANLIS IS
POSITIVE ELEMENT AGAINST THIS PROJECT, HE SAID, WITH HIS
CONFIDENCE AND "POLITICAL BRILLIANCE".
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